ting up steel plants etc. are a mattter of commercial judgement on the part of the entrepreneurs including foreign companies.

System of Employment by Bokaro Steel Plant

3640. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a system of giving employment by Bokaro Steel Limited to the dependant of the employees of contractors including HSCL who die while working for BSL in accident;

(b) if so, the number of such employment in the last five years with year-wise break up;

(c) whether it is a fact that some cases of such deceased employee of HSCL have been left out despite representing several times; and

(d) if so, details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) and (b) In Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL) there is a practice of giving employment to one direct dependent of every contractor's employees who is involved in a fatal accident inside the plant. In case of HSCL, the primary responsibility to give employment to the dependent of its deceased employees lies with HSCL. However, in a few cases of fatal accidents in Bokaro Steel Plant involving HSCL employees, Bokaro Steel Plant did provide employment to dependents on humanitarian considerations. The number of such cases, including those of HSCL, in the last five years with year-wise break-up is as follows:—

Year	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	Total
Number of cases	04	16	07	06	06	39

(c) and (d) In the case of the deceased, late Shri Amulya Mahto, and employee of HSCL, the primary responsibility for giving employment to his dependent rests with HSCL. HSCL, due to the large surplus manpower, are not in a position to provide any fresh employment.

Unauthorised Construction

3641. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether unauthorised constructions are at its peak in the Mori Gate, Nicholson Road and Kashmere Gate areas in Delhi since the past few months in connivance with MCD and police officials;

(b) if so, the number of person who have filed complaints with the concerned authorities about such unauthorised constructions during the past six months and the action taken thereon;

(c) the details of notices of illegal constructions served by the authorities and further action taken thereon; and

(d) the time by which all such unauthorised constructions are likely to be demolished?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) No, Sir. Delhi Police and MCD have denied connivance on the part of their officers in these activities. MCD has stated that whenever any unauthorised construction is notice the same is demolished at that stage. Details of the action taken by MCD during the period 1.1.1998 — 30.6.1998 is as under:—

(i) Action taken at ongoing stage — 50 Nos.

(ii) Properties booked for demolition — 11 Nos.

(iii) Properties partly demolished — 2 Nos.

(b) and (d) During the period 1.1.1998 to 30.6.98, MCD received 88 complaints against unauthorised construction. Action for demolition of such construction has either been taken by MCD at the on-going stage or they have been booked for action as per the policy. Delhi Police also received 12 complaints during the last six months. Besides, calls were also made to P.C.R. and L.G. House Control Room. 32 intimations regarding unauthorised constructions from the area of Kashmere Gate were sent to MCD by the Delhi Police for taking necessary action.

(c) 11 notices were served by the MCD to the parties for demolition of the illegal construction. Besides, letters were also sent by the MCD to the Police authorities for stoppage of unauthorised construction.

देश में बड़े पैमाने पर अनुपयोगी पड़ी भूमि

3642. **श्री बलवन्त सिंह रामूवालिया:**
श्री बरजिन्दर सिंह:

क्या शहरी कार्य और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में काफी मात्रा में भूमि बिना उपयोग के पड़ी है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने इस भूमि के उचित उपयोग के लिए सही आकलन किया है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो प्रत्येक राज्य में कितनी-कितनी भूमि बिना उपयोग के पड़ी है; और

(घ) इस भूमि में से शहरी क्षेत्र में मानी जाने वाली भूमि का भाग कितना है?

शहरी कार्य और रोजगार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री(श्री बंडारू दत्तात्रेय): (क) से (घ) चूंकि भूमि राज्य का विषय है, अतः इससे संबंधित सूचना मंत्रालय के पास उपलब्ध नहीं है, क्योंकि यह मंत्रालय द्वारा संकलित नहीं की जाती है।

NRIs and MNCs to Invest in Low Cost Housing Schemes

3643. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have invited several Non-Resident Indians and Multinational Companies to invest in low cost housing schemes;

(b) if so, the details of the NRIs and MNCs shown interest for investment; and

(c) to what extent the involvement of NRIs/MNCs is going to solve the housing problem in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) The Government has not specifically invited NRIs/multinational companies to invest in low cost housing. However, there is a scheme to encourage non-residents of Indian nationality/origin and overseas corporate bodies owned to the extent of atleast 60% by Non Resident Indians/ Persons of Indian Origin to invest in housing and urban development sector. The scheme permits existing or new companies, both private and public limited, to issue equity shares/ convertible debentures to non-residents of Indian nationality/origin upto 100% with repatriation benefits after a lock-in period of 3 years, if the company is engaged in development of serviced plots or construction of built-up residential premises, real estate covering the construction of residential, commercial premises etc. There is no bar against participation of the Non-Resident Indians/Persons of Indian Origin in the projects relating to low cost housing. Foreign direct investment (FDI) is not as yet permissible in this sector at present. Although it is premature to make an exact estimate of the likely overseas investment during the coming years, some investment is expected to contribute